

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING November 4, 2021 — MINUTES

Committee Members

Present

Gladys Cortez, Committee
Chair
Kimberly Blackmon
Andrew Crim
Mary Durham, Council Chair
Jennifer Hines, TWC
Scott McAvoy
Justin Porter, TEA
Holly Riley, HHSC
Molly Spratt
Audrey Young, DSHS

Committee Members

Absent

Maverick Crawford
Toby Summers

Council Members Present

Eric Shahid

Guests Present

Jennifer Bacak
Clair Benitez
Judy Blake
Ivy Goldstein
Debra Haney
Linda Litzinger
Laura Marquez

Regional Coordinators

Present

Morgan Bradley
Erin Fogarty
Rosa Guel
Skyler Mueller
Shelby Vaughn

Staff Members Present

Beth Stalvey, Executive
Director
Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Sabrina Gonzalez
Stacey Kaleh
Linda Logan
Sylvia Medina
Richard Rendon
Mary Rochford
Fernando Rodriguez
Rey Valldejuli
Koren Vogel
Rosalin Willis

Call To Order

The Project Development Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental convened on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at the TCDD offices, 6201 East Oltorf, Suite 600, Austin, TX 78741 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Committee Chair Gladys Cortez called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Consideration of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed, and no corrections or additions were noted.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021, Project Development Committee as presented.

MADE BY: Andrew Crim

SECOND: Scott McAvoy

The motion **passed** without opposition. Holly Riley abstained from voted. (November 2021 Meeting Materials, Tab 9)

4. **Chair's Remarks**

Chair Cortez reported the expected absence of Maverick Crawford.

Cortez reviewed the TCDD financial reports which highlights funds available for grants by showing funds that are assigned, pending, or have not been assigned. Members did not have further questions.

5. **Members Quarterly Activities Report**

Committee members shared their updates on their disability-related activities during the previous quarter.

6. **Selection of Nominating Committee Member**

Chair Cortez reviewed the role of the Nominating Committee that is established each year to bring forward nominations for the Council Vice-Chair and Consumer Member-at-Large to serve on the Executive Committee. The Public Policy and Project Development Committee each elect a member to serve on the Nominating Committee, and a third member is selected from the Council. Holly Riley volunteered to be the Project Development representative on the Committee.

MOTION: To select Holly Riley as the Project Development Committee representative on the Nominating Committee.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Andrew Crim

The motion **passed** unanimously.

7. **Staff Reports**

Grants Management Director Rosalin Willis discussed the Grants Monitoring Report that featured 35 active projects. There were no new projects starting during the quarter, five projects ended during the quarter, and six projects moved into the final year of funding. Willis noted that two projects extended budget periods due to COVID-19 complications and eleven projects will be considered for continuation funding at the February meeting.

8. **Future Activities for State Plan Implementation**

Committee Chair Cortez noted that two new project executive summaries will be considered for funding.

TCDD Policy Analyst Sabrina Gonzalez first reviewed the new project executive summary titled Landscape Analysis on 18+ Programs and Access to Postsecondary Programs for Students with IDD. This project would address Goal 2, Objective 2 of the FY 2022 – FY 2026 TCDD State plan. It would collect information and data on 18+ programs in Texas specifically related to postsecondary access, preparation, and partnerships. The grantee would review existing data, study a sample of 18+ programs, and compile a list of promising and best practices consistent with the data reviewed. Funding is suggested at up to \$100,000 for one one-year project.

MOTION: Recommend Council approve funding of up to \$100,000 for one one-year Landscape Analysis on 18+ Programs and Access to Postsecondary Programs for Students with IDD projects.

MADE BY: Andrew Crim

SECOND: Kimberly Blackmon

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Gonzalez next reviewed the new project executive summary for a project titled Increasing Access to Postsecondary Programs for Students with IDD in 18+ Programs. This project would also address Goal 2, Objective 2 of the FY 2022 – FY 2026 TCDD State Plan. It would provide technical assistance to 18+ programs and strengthen their efforts to increase postsecondary attainment for students with IDD. Funding is suggested for one project at up to \$100,000 per year for up to five years

MOTION: Recommend Council approve funding of up to \$100,000 per year, for up to five years for one project on Increasing Access to Postsecondary Programs for Students with IDD in 18+ Programs.

MADE BY: Audrey Young

SECOND: Jennifer Hines

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee members discussed the Committee of the Whole presentation on Research of Substance Use Disorders in People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and agreed that TCDD should further invest the development of specialized training for providers to treat individuals with IDD. Members directed staff to develop a new project executive summary to present for consideration.

TCDD Executive Director Beth Stalvey discussed with members current and prior leadership and advocacy training projects and the federal mandate to continue these type projects. Members requested future new project executive summaries, specifically training projects for self-advocates, youth, and in rural areas.

9. Review of Unsolicited Ideas

DSHS/Maternal-Child Health alternate representative Ivy Goldstein discussed the issue of people with disabilities encountering negative biases by physicians and other healthcare providers. Committee members discussed this topic at great length and agreed that the Council should address this issue. Members directed staff to develop a new project executive summary that addresses disparities in healthcare and quality of life issues for people with disabilities.

Members also discussed an unsolicited idea submitted through the TCDD website on the need for increased funding for Home and Community Based services, in-home medical care, and direct support professionals. Members agreed these topics would be addressed with a project on disparities in health care and quality of life issues.

10. **Future Project Funding Priorities**

The Committee next evaluated the Future Funding Priorities List. Members discussed placement for the two projects that will be recommended for Council funding and acknowledged that the Public Policy Committee will likely bring a project forward that will be placed on the list.

MOTION: Recommend Council approve the Future Funding Priorities List as follows:

1. Understanding Online Access Among individuals with DD During COVID-19
2. Understanding of Employment and Unemployment Among individuals with DD During COVID-19
3. Landscape Analysis on 18+ Programs and Access to Postsecondary Programs for Students with IDD Culturally Appropriate Family Supports
4. Increasing Access to Postsecondary Programs for Students with IDD in 18+ Programs Promoting Civic Engagement Among Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
5. Culturally Competent Family Support Projects
6. Civic Engagement
7. Participatory Action Research
8. New Initiatives
9. Prevention and Response to Sexual Offenses: Medical and Therapeutic Professionals
10. Prevention and Response to Sexual Offenses: Criminal Justice Response to Cases involving people with IDD

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Kimberly Blackmon

The motion **passed** unanimously.

11. **Future Agenda Items**

Members requested a presentation from the Alamo Area Agency on Agency project on Support and Empowerment for Adults with IDD and their Aging Caregivers.

12. **Other Discussion Items**

The Committee was informed that plans are to hold the February 2022 meetings in person.

Adjourn

Chair Cortez adjourned the meeting at 11:51 AM.

Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council Date